

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Instructions are given above to cancel claims 9-18 which examiner regards as being directed to non-elected subject matter. Cancellation of these claims is without disclaimer and without prejudice to a divisional or continuing application directed to the subject matter of these claims.

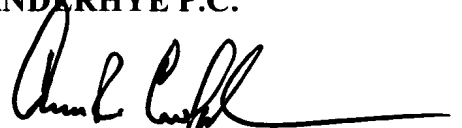
This application was discussed with Examiner Maewall on January 12, 2009. Counsel was advised that the presence of claims 9-18, directed to non-elected subject matter, resulted in the communication mailed December 26, 2008 that the response of October 1, 2008 was "not fully responsive to the prior Office Action" because of the presence of non-elected subject matter.

Further examination of this application on the basis of elected claims 9-26 is awaited. Should the examiner require further information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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